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MEMORANDUM

To: Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Division of Public Space & Urban Forestry (PSUF)

CC: Sarah Lewis, Director of Planning and Zoning

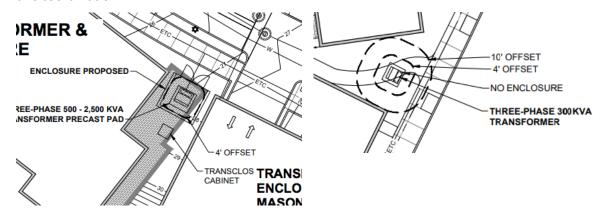
Date: July 30th, 2020

RE: Clarendon Hill 40B Comprehensive Permit #2020-0001

This memo responds to the Applicant's final waiver request list dated 7-22-2020. The Applicant has not yet responded to PSUF's waiver request comments in our 6-12-2020 memo or general project comments in our 6-25-2020 ZBA memo.

Waiver Request #21:

PSUF recommends the ZBA deny this waiver request for screening, mechanical equipment. It is telling that the Applicant at first did not show this equipment on their drawings and, after we asked them to show it, did not coordinate it with the site design (see screenshots from T-100 below). This is a constrained site and this equipment is not small, screening is a minor cost in the context of the overall cost of the project. In our 2020-06-12 memo we noted that ground-mounted mechanical equipment locations should be fully coordinated with the site design. We have not seen an updated plan showing this coordination.





Waiver Request #22:

Consistent with our feedback per our 2020-06-12 memo, PSUF recommends the ZBA deny the waiver request vis-a-vis the raised curbing protection requirement. As mentioned previously, rain garden stormwater collection can be achieved through gaps in the curbing as the Applicant previously acknowledged. See example image below.



Waiver Request #35:

New pervious area waiver request. The applicant should provide an updated plan showing these newly proposed accessible routes (including a grading plan) for PSUF to better understand and evaluate this waiver request. Until we have more information/context for evaluating this request, PSUF recommends the ZBA deny this waiver request.

Sincerely,

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